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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: All-Weather Tactical Air Capability

The President has requested a report on current U.S. tactical air interdiction capability for all-weather operations. The report should include:

- Current U.S. tactical air capability, both Air Force and Navy, in all theaters;
- Numbers of tactical aircraft in each theater with all-weather capability, including aircraft carriers;
- Accuracy of various systems installed in all-weather aircraft and limitations associated with target, terrain, and other factors;
- Present planning to increase all-weather capability;
- Comparative cost of providing all-weather capability, including reductions in other aircraft performance characteristics caused by addition of all weather capability;
- Current and projected capability of allies and potential adversaries to utilize tactical aircraft in heavy weather situations.

NAVY, USAF,  
Review Completed

The report should be submitted to the President not later than December 6, 1971.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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